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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Parikh et al.

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For: FENOFIBRATE MICROPARTICLES

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. The response is filed timely as it accompanied by a petition for a 2 month extension for filing a response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 16-32, without prejudice, and add the following new claims:

33. (New) A method of preparing fenofibrate microparticles comprising preparing a mixture comprising an aqueous solution, fenofibrate particles, a phospholipid, and a surfactant, and applying energy to the mixture sufficient to produce a composition comprising fenofibrate microparticles,

wherein the surfactant is selected from the group consisting of casein, tragacanth, enteric resins, cholesterol esters, polyoxyethylene fatty alcohol ethers, polyoxyethylene fatty acid esters, sorbitan esters, glycerol monostearate, polyethylene glycols, cetyl alcohol, cetostearyl alcohol, stearyl alcohol, poloxamers, polaxamines, polyvinyl alcohol, polyvinylpyrrolidone, potassium laurate, triethanolamine stearate, sodium lauryl sulfate, alkyl